

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 4, 6-14 and 16 -19 will be pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication that claims 5-13, 15-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Rejection of claims 4 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 4 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Kotowski et al (USP 6,198,645). Applicants have amended Claims 4 and 14 to include the limitations of allowable Claims 5 and 15 respectively. Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 4 and 14 would be allowable by incorporating the limitations of Claims 5 and 15 respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

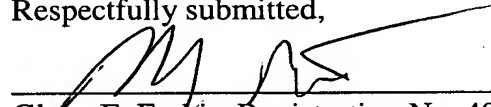
For at least these reasons, this application is now in condition for allowance. It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper have already been identified in any transmittal accompanying this paper.

However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that are not identified in any accompanying transmittal, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman and Grauer PLLC.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is kindly urged to call the undersigned to facilitate prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,



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